

POLICY STATEMENT FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS FOR NON-PRICING* PROGRAMS

(For use by schools and program sites which do not have separately identifiable charges for meals.)

The _____ agrees to participate in the National School
(Name of School Food Authority)

Lunch Program ☐ and School Breakfast Program ☐, and Afterschool Snack Program ☐ and accepts responsibility for providing free and reduced-price meals to eligible children in the school(s) under its jurisdiction.

The School Food Authority assures the South Carolina Department of Education that the following policies administering the program(s) in the school(s) and sites under its jurisdiction will be uniformly implemented. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the School Food Authority:

1. Agrees that there will be no physical segregation of, nor any other discrimination against, any child.
2. Agrees that in the operation of Child Nutrition Programs, no child shall be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.
3. Agrees to submit to the South Carolina Department of Education any changes to this policy statement prior to implementation of these changes. **Such changes will be effective only upon approval.**

Agrees to establish a procedure to accurately count at the point of service the number of meals claimed, and to plan and produce meals with the objective of providing one reimbursable lunch and/or breakfast and/or afterschool snack per child per day. Any excess meals shall not be claimed for reimbursement.

COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MONITORED BY THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS PART OF ITS SUPERVISORY ASSISTANCE AND MONITORING EFFORTS.

The following attachments are considered part of this policy:

Meal Count Methods (**Attachment A**), and sample RCCI Meal Eligibility Documentation sheet (**Attachment B**). **Attachment A** must be your guide for choosing the appropriate meal count procedures. Information on these meal count procedures must be entered on the School Nutrition Automated Claims System (SNACS) for each site and program. **Attachment B** is for your use in documenting eligibility at the program site.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

***This non-pricing program policy applies to residential students only. If day students are involved in any manner, a pricing policy covering free and reduced price eligibility will also be needed.**

APPROVED BY:

S. C. Department of Education

Office of School Food Services and Nutrition:

Institution:

Director, State Office of School Food Services and Nutrition

Signature of School Food Authority Representative

Date

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